

be appointed for a term of three years. Terms shall expire on December 31 and new terms shall begin on January 1.

Section 5.      Vacancies

A vacancy occurring during a term of appointment is filled in the same manner as the original appointment and for the balance of the unexpired term.

Section 6.      Travel Expenses

Members of the Council shall receive necessary travel and subsistence expenses in accordance with the provisions of G.S. §138-5.

Section 7.      Chairman

The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council shall be appointed by the Governor. The term of office for the Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be two calendar years. The Council may elect other such officers as it deems necessary.

Section 8.      Meetings

The Council shall meet quarterly and at other times at the call of the Chairman or upon written request of at least ten (10) of its members. All business meetings of the Council, its committees and subcommittees, or special task forces shall be open to the public.

Section 9.      Staff Assistance

The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide clerical support and other services required by the Council.

Section 10.

Executive Order No. 98 is hereby rescinded.

This order is effective immediately.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this third day of March in the